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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY COMMENTS ON ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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1. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY MILIMO PUNABANTU EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RECENT STATEMENTS BY LEADING PARTY OFFICIALS THAT ARE NOT IN LINE WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S THINKING. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL MAINZA CHONA'S COMMENTS IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS (SEE REFTTEL) REGARDING THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENCY IS NOT AVAILABLE TO BE CONTESTED. PUNABANTU ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS DISCUSSED HIS FEELINGS ABOUT THIS MATTER WITH PARTY LEADERS IN PRIVATE SESSIONS BUT SO FAR TO NO AVAIL. ACCORDING TO PUNABANTU, THE PRESIDENT WELCOMES COMPETITION AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAS EXPRESSED HIS "DELIGHT" WITH THE ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS OF THREE ZAMBIANS TO CONTEST THE PRESIDENCY WITH HIM. PUNABANTU CONCLUDED THAT "THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE HIS POSITION CLEAR TO THEM (THE PARTY LEADERSHIP) AGAIN."

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